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In re Application of:

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METAL CONDUCTORS AND COATING  
PROCRSS INVOLVING THE USE  
THEREOF

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In the specification, please make the following amendments:

page 1, line 3, insert --Background of the Invention--;

page 2, line 29, insert --Summary of the Invention--;

page 4, line 22, insert --Detailed Description of the Invention--.

The following amended claim is presented for consideration:

SEP 13  
Claim 13 (amended) A coating composition for electrical conductors,  
comprising:

(A) 1-60 wt.% of at least one reactive particle, said reactive particles having an average radius ranging from 1nm to 300nm, wherein said reactive particles are based on an element-oxygen network, and wherein the elements are selected from the group consisting of silicon, zinc, aluminum, tin, boron, germanium, gallium, lead, the transition metals, the lanthanides and actinides;

(B) 0-90 wt.% of at least one conventional binder; and

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